

ALL SAINTS HOLBEACH
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS AGENDAS
Tuesday 9th May, 2023 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Opening prayers
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners
4. Election of Churchwardens

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the previous APCM
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Churchwarden's report
7. Reports from Priest in Charge and other church groups
8. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
9. Election of Deanery Synod Representative
10. Election of PCC members
11. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts
12. Any other business
13. Closing prayers

Following the APCM, a brief meeting of the newly elected PCC will be held to transact the following business:

- Election of PCC Secretary
- Election of PCC Treasurer
- Election of Lay Chairman
- A.O.B.
- Date of next meeting

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HOLBEACH
AMP and APCM MINUTES
Tuesday, 24th May 2022 7.00 p.m.

Present: Revd Sherine Angus, Carol Hellen, Martin Butler, Kevin Dodd, Jackie Sheldrake, Michael Slater, Mick Boylan, Gill Graper, Tracy Ford, Joyce Fines, Marion Goodman, Mike Goodman, Kim Biggs, Helen Drake, Margaret Mears, Phillip Mears

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- 5. Opening prayers were said.**
- 6. Apologies for Absence:** Michael Barton, Hannah Buck, Sara Buck, Michaela Dean, Lynne Barks
- 7. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners:** These had been produced and seen on line.
Proposed as a correct record: Carol Hellen **Seconded:** Tracy Ford
All who had been at the meeting last year were in favour. Minutes were signed by Carol Hellen
- 8. Election of Churchwardens:** Only one nomination had been received and Carol Hellen was duly re-elected. Everyone in favour.
Thanks were expressed to Mick Boylan, the retiring Churchwarden, for all the work he had done last year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- 14. Apologies for Absence:** Michael Barton, Hannah Buck, Sara Buck, Michaela Dean, Lynne Barks
- 15. Minutes of the previous APCM:** These had been produced and seen on line. The members of the meeting, who had also attended last year, agreed they were a correct record.
- 16. Matters arising:** None
- 17. Electoral Roll:** There are 146 on the current roll.
- 18. Treasurer's Report:** Separate briefing (attached) presented by Carol Hellen.
Additional to the notes are the following points:
 - The Covenant agreement would state that the Parish will increase their contribution by £2000 each year for the next three years, if possible.
 - Mary Bass Charity had made a generous donation of £9000 to go towards the Parish Share last year and this will show in the accounts for this year.
 - Thanks were expressed to Mick Boylan for achieving the funding required for the Tower Project.
 - It had not been possible for the audit to be completed as the auditor had been ill, so the Accounts presented were provisional.
- 19. Churchwarden's report:**
 - All Saints is very fortunate to have a new priest and a warm welcome was expressed to Sherine and her family, hoping they will all feel happily settled.

- Thanks were expressed in particular to Kim Biggs, Kevin Dodd, Martin Butler, Joyce Fines and Mick Boylan, for the enormous amount of work they had done last year in such challenging times.
- Adult Safeguarding concerns had been reported to the Diocese to be dealt with. A separate Safeguarding Report from Caz Dennis is attached.
- It was felt that the PCC had been taking a more egalitarian approach to church matters and this is welcomed and very much appreciated.
- Separate reports are attached for the Choir and the Junior Choir.

20. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod: Due to the Covid situation it was reported that it had not been possible to hold meetings last year.

21. Election of Deanery Synod Representative: It was agreed that Kevin Dodd would continue as the All Saints representative.

22. Election of PCC members: Michael Slater, Mick Boylan, Tracy Ford asked to step down from their role as PCC members. They were thanked for their contributions over the past few years. The following members of the congregation were re-elected: Carol Hellen (Churchwarden), Martin Butler, Kevin Dodd, Jackie Sheldrake, Marion Goodman, Kim Biggs, Helen Drake, Lynne Barkes, Hannah Buck, Michael Barton and Sara Buck.

The following people were elected on to the PCC: Mike Goodman and Gill Graper. It was also agreed that Chris Penney would be appointed as PCC Treasurer (ex-officio). Carol Hellen proposed that it would be a good idea to appoint a younger person, from the choir, to be a member of the PCC. This would be taken forward for discussion by the PCC.

23. Appointment of Sidespersons: It was not felt necessary to make any specific appointments.

24. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts: It was agreed to reappoint Mark Rose Accountants.

25. Any other business: None

26. Closing prayers were said and the meeting closed at about 8.00 p.m.

REPORTS FOR 2023 APCM MEETING

Treasurer's Report

Reference the 2021 accounts the situation excluding the works to the Tower appear to be:

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| 1. Income | £81,602.40 |
| 2. Expenses | £87,184.30 |

Regarding the Tower works the figures appear to be:-

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| 1. Costs | £83,798.22 |
| 2. Grants received | £68,849.13 |

I am not aware of the VAT situation regarding these works and whether there is a reclaim due.

Also, during the year, the CBF Deposit fund was reduced in value by £50,000.00 due to a withdrawal.

Please note that these figures are very provisional and there is much work still to be done and queries to be answered.

I would wish the PCC to note the superb assistance I have received in resolving the 2021 accounts from Carole Williams.

I have spoken with the accountants, and we have agreed that until the 2021 accounts are audited and signed off no further works can be undertaken on the 2022 accounts and therefore, please note that there will not be audited accounts for 2022 available for the APCM.

Chris Penney

Choir Report

The number of adult choir members remains stationary at around fourteen We are still desperately short of men, however.

Membership varies in terms of musical skills from professional musicians to those who just enjoy singing, but can't read a note of music.

Very few parish churches in the Lincoln Diocese are fortunate enough to be able to maintain a Choir, let alone a fully choral tradition, singing some of the cathedral repertoire as we do, and maintaining a weekly service of Choral Evensong. Our Evensong service is open to all singers within the Deanery and beyond, who do not have the opportunity to sing this office, and we regularly attract one or two additional singers from other churches.

Members must be congratulated on their dedication, conscientiousness, enthusiasm and commitment to leading the singing in our weekly Eucharist & Evensong, and at all the other major festivals of the church's year to which they give of their time so willingly.

Our special thanks go to Kim Biggs, who has been a real tower of strength as Assistant Organist and Choirmistress as well as Director of the Junior Choir. It is easy to take this for granted, but we are so fortunate at All Saints' to have a musician of Kim's calibre to call upon, and I, especially, am most grateful.

Our thanks also go to Gill Graper who has done another splendid year as Choir secretary, keeping us all on our toes with the weekly Choir music menus and useful information regarding dates contained therein.

Barry Lancaster

Junior Choir Report 2022 – 2023

It has been a very busy year for the junior choir. We currently have twenty-two members ranging from 6-18 years of age. There are six adults who lead the groups and support the juniors (all having safeguarding training and DBS approved).

As before, during our Friday evening practice sessions we still operate three areas of learning – singing, recorder tuition and Christian teaching – working usually in three groups based broadly on age and ability. After the practice night we run our Choir Club, with the emphasis on social and fun activities and games. We also provide toast and hot chocolate or squash, as some of the children don't have a hot meal before coming to practice.

Training for the RSCM awards is ongoing – we do as much as we can fit in besides teaching and practising for all the services at which we sing – and over the summer months we hope to assess some of our members for their white (initial) and light blue (2nd stage) awards, and present our five most senior members for the Bronze award.

We continue to provide our tuition and activities free of charge for our JC families. We have been fortunate to receive funding from the Mary Bass Trust for the journaling and junior bibles we presented to our members at Christmas, for which we are very grateful.

Achievements

As well as singing (and often leading the readings and prayers) at every AAW service, we have sung at many other services and events including Carols round the Tree (part of the Christmas Tree Festival, at which we also made and sold items on our own stall); Christingle; Nine Lessons and Carols, and Mothering Sunday. One of the highlights for us at Christmas is going out to sing carols for the residents of Cecil Pywell Avenue. We also put on our own 'Showcase' concert in July for parents, friends and the church family, when juniors not only sang but also played their recorders and performed solo items on flute, trumpet and voice. At that event we presented certificates for those who had passed their

probationary period along with other awards, and announced our new head and deputy choristers.

In November, Sherine arranged a visit from one of the volunteers at the charity Centrepoin Boston, who came to one of our Friday night practices and spoke with the juniors about the work of the charity with the homeless in the local area. This gave them a valuable insight into the situation homeless people find themselves in and how the charity is able to help and support them. This was prior to our 'Sleepout' event pre-Christmas, when 10 of our older juniors slept in the church all night (it was too cold to sleep in the north porch) to raise money for the charity. They have raised a magnificent £525.80. We are also looking at ways to become an eco-church: we made bird feeders in the winter and a few of us did a litter pick in the churchyard and surrounding area.

On the social side, we held a barbecue in Sherine's garden last July, took the juniors 10-pin bowling in Spalding in October, decorated the Easter Garden in the north porch, and have performed in the very recent concert given by the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Band.

Future Events

We will hold our annual 'Showcase' concert in the summer (date tbc but please do come along!) We also hope to have another social event, and to take part in the Campfire Youth Camp in Norfolk (for choristers aged 11+.)

Kim Biggs

All Saints Mother's Union, Holbeach

We are a small, supportive branch of Mothers' Union with ten enthusiastic members. Our monthly meetings usually take place in church in the Mary Bass Room and are much enjoyed by those present. We meet in the afternoon of the third Friday of each month from September through to July the following year.

Each meeting consists of an opening service followed by an activity often linked to the service, then business matters and finally an enjoyable social time with tea and refreshments. Each month a service booklet is produced on a theme for the meeting. This development has been seen to enhance the quality of the service by allowing those present to fully participate in its delivery. It also allows those not able to attend to receive a copy of the service and thus feel included.

Highlights of the past year include a group visit to Easton Walled Garden travelling in the community Bus driven by a member's son and the service and meeting following the death of our late sovereign, Queen Elizabeth.

Members give generously to requests from Mary Sumner House and over the past five years we have donated £1,387 to Mothers Union.

Jackie Sheldrake

Elloe East Deanery Synod Report

The elected Deanery Synod Representatives for 2022/23 have been Kim Biggs and Kevin Dodd, one or both of us have been present at all the meetings during the past year. We seek to represent the interests of All Saints Holbeach in the wider context of our participation as a Key Mission Church within our Deanery and report back to the PCC where necessary. The Synod is generally well supported, with around 20 to 25 representatives and clergy from the eighteen deanery churches present at each meeting. Barbara Hutchinson chairs the meetings as Rural Dean and key information is reported on by David Ingle as Secretary, and financial information by Paul Arnold.

Synod meetings were suspended after the February 2020 meeting due to the Covid pandemic but have now been re-established, with regular meetings in January, June, October 2022, and January 2023. The next meeting is on the 24th of May.

Meetings usually last for around 2 hours and cover a wide-ranging tabled agenda. Apart from the formal approval of minutes from the previous meeting and reports on finances, including Parish Covenant etc., there is always plenty of lively discussion about a wide range of topics. These include ongoing work and progress implementing Resourcing Sustainable Church and Time to Change together, Local Mission Partnerships, reorganisation of the Deanery, and feedback from Deanery Chapter meetings. There is an opportunity for individual churches to advise on upcoming events, and report on any special projects they are running. Our deanery Youth & Children's Worker presents a comprehensive report on her activities and plans, which are then discussed. We also have a report on the Diocesan Synod and any issues from the diocese that may affect our deanery.

The Synod also discusses and approves funding applications for small individual mission projects, such as purchasing mission course material and booklets or supporting practical requirements like new kitchen equipment. If you are involved with a mission project for All Saints which could benefit from a small grant, or have an idea for one, please ask for it to be put on the agenda for the next PCC meeting so that it can be discussed.

Our October 2022 meeting started with a joint meeting with the Elloe West Deanery, where we were addressed by Bishop Nicholas via video link concerning Time to Change Together. Bishop Nicholas presented a review of progress and gave direction on future cooperation between Elloe East & West. Bishop Nicholas will attend the Deanery Synod meeting in person on the 24th of May.

We hope this provides an overview of the activity of the Deanery Synod in the past year. If you have any specific questions, we will try to answer them for you. We are both willing to continue as Deanery Synod Representatives in the coming year if re-elected.

Kim Biggs and Kevin Dodd